

and his students. These qualities have led to a doubling of our congregation in the 3 years since he came to our church.

Reverend Reist is distinguished by his love for his family, his church and his college, and his ability to motivate and cultivate those around him. I am proud to welcome him here today as our guest chaplain.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will receive 15 one-minute speeches on each side.

#### SALUTE TO THE WORLD SERIES PLAYERS, ARIZONA DIAMOND- BACKS AND NEW YORK YANKEES

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that this is a trying time in our history. Questions of great moment confront this House, and yet precisely because this is a time of national need, it is entirely appropriate that we focus likewise on our national pastime because the recently completed World Series offers to millions of Americans more than just diversion and amusement. It offers again reinforcement of the positive characteristics of teamwork and rising to the task when the chips are down.

As one who is honored to represent the great State of Arizona, I come to this well today to salute the new world champion Arizona Diamondbacks. Randy Johnson, Curt Schilling, absolutely thrilling on the mound. Quite rationally and reasonably co-Most Valuable Players in the series.

I salute likewise the American League Champions New York Yankees because it is a simple notion in sports, to be the best, you have to beat the best, and that is what the Diamondbacks accomplished as a team.

So we salute the D-backs as World Champs. We salute the Yankees, and let us get back to work on behalf of the American people.

#### GAO EMPLOYEES EPITOMIZE PROFESSIONALISM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of all of the Members of the House. It is not every day that Members of the House and their staffs have to evacuate their congressional offices due to an unseen but potentially lethal health hazard. In fact, as all of us know, it was unprecedented.

Today, on behalf of all of my colleagues, I want to express my sincere thanks to David Walker, the Comptroller General of the United States,

and all the dedicated employees of the General Accounting Office who were relocated or otherwise inconvenienced to accommodate Members and their staffs while House office buildings underwent precautionary testing for anthrax.

Those employees' graciousness and patience demonstrated their teamwork and the fact that their important work was uninterrupted when thousands, I emphasize, Mr. Speaker, thousands of us descended on GAO headquarters, is a tribute to their professionalism and to their Americanism. It also reinforced our American ethic that, working together, there is little that we cannot do.

Again, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire House, I thank David Walker, all of the employees at GAO for their cooperation, their graciousness and their facilitation of the business of America.

#### NATIONAL HISPANIC SCIENCE NETWORK

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse is holding its first annual conference on Hispanic Drug Abuse Research this weekend here in Washington, D.C.

The mission of the National Hispanic Science Network is to foster biomedical research on drug abuse among Hispanics and to facilitate its application to public health.

This conference will share its findings with prominent investigators affiliated with the universities from across the Nation. Also in attendance will be representatives from national research policy organizations and representatives from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The National Hispanic Science Network is working toward reducing health disparities between Hispanics and other populations. This group is committed to involving Hispanic scientists in federally supported research through mentoring, training, networking and technical assistance opportunities.

Please join me in congratulating the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse for its dedication in assisting Hispanics through research and education.

#### FORTRESS AMERICA

(Mr. FARR of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, it is time for us to confront the double message we have sent the American people in the wake of the tragedy of September 11.

On one hand, we exhort Americans to travel, spend money, go out on the

town and help revive the sagging economy. On the other hand, when they come to the Nation's Capitol, they find it closed, locked and off limits.

What kind of example are we setting for America's museum of democracy? Is ours a government of by and for the people or a government that lives behind heavily guarded, closed doors?

When Americans come to Washington, D.C., they get the same dreary refrain at the White House, the FBI and the Supreme Court: Closed to the public. When they come to the House of Representatives they find their Member of Congress can no longer provide a guided tour of the storied corridors, the Capitol dome or the old Senate Chamber. Instead our visitors are sent for 10 minutes to sit by themselves in the gallery.

Mr. Speaker, there are those who say we need a Capitol littered with jersey barriers, ugly fences and awful planters so we can feel safe in our fortress, but I say we should not let security concerns rob us of the freedom to participate in and petition the government. If terrorists can wander all the way to the Capitol without being discovered, we really are in desperate straits.

Mr. Speaker, when will you give the American people back their Nation's Capitol?

#### HUMAN CLONING

(Mr. SMITH of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, time is running out for us to stop mad scientists from cloning innocent human beings.

Infamous fertility specialist Severino Antinori is working with a team of scientists right now to clone humans. He recently told the BBC radio, and I quote, I think in 3 or 4 months we will have the first pregnancy. Asked whether he would have a cloned human being by September 2002, he said, I hope and I believe.

Columnist Charles Krauthammer is one of the many calling on the Senate to pass a human cloning ban. He recently said, and I quote, "Sanity and prudence combined to produce a great victory on July 31 when the House of Representatives overwhelmingly defeated—the margin was over 100 votes—the legalization of early human embryonic cloning. But the fight is not over. The Senate needs to act as well."

Our government, Mr. Speaker, cannot sit idly by as unethical scientists play God and redefine what it means to be a human. We cannot allow this violation of human rights, this crime against humanity, to take place on our watch.

We need a cloning ban and we need it now.

#### AMERICA'S GREATEST PASTIME

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House